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1. A directive from the Central Administration of Education dated 31 March 1947 being circulated in all the Central Administration offices in Berlin states:

The great responsibility which all employees of the Central Administrations owe to the occupying Power and to the political will represented by it requires thorough political zeal for the goals of working-class democracy. The fact that the Central Administration is incuted in Berlin means that, under present circumstances, the employees continually come in contact with ideas and intrigues which serve the interests of foreign capitalism rather than those of the people. These anti-democratic ideas are sired in Berlin by radio and newspapers. It must be expected that members of the Central Administrations of their own accord will do everything to fulfill their responsibilities conscientiously as representatives of a new, popular democracy. In order to give the Central Administrations an insight into the political training material of its members, it is requested that the following questionnaire be submitted."

- 2. The questionnaire asks each employee what newspapers he reads (a) in the office and (b) at home.
- A postscript to the above directive states that all publications by members of the Central Administrations must be submitted to the "ideological Council" of the Central Administration of Education before publication in order to "maintain a uniformity of opinion of the Central Administration vis-a-vis the public". In addition, it is stated that recently, on several occasions, the SWA has had to chastise members of the Central Administrations because they had made statements or expressed opinions in newspaper articles contrary to the interests of the SWA.

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